

In the Claims

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 8-24 and please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (once amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning permanent first and second numbers to a mobile station;

assigning permanent user zones to the mobile station;

assigning temporary user zones to the mobile station;

employing the first number when the [assigning a first number to a] mobile station [that upon location of the mobile station at a] is located in a first location in a respective permanent user zone of the permanent user zones, wherein the first number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

employing the second number when [assigning a second number to] the mobile station [that upon location of the mobile station at a] is located in a second location in a respective temporary zone of the temporary zones, wherein the second number allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, wherein the second number differs from the first number, wherein the second location differs from the first location.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous with the first location.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the first number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the first location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the first number comprises the step of selecting the first number to correspond to a first user zone that comprises the first location; and

wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location, wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of selecting the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a temporary user zone that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location

allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of directing to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises the step of assigning a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number, wherein the particular number differs from the first number, wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location.

8. (cancelled) A system, comprising:

a controller component that assigns a first number to a mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at a first location allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and

a controller component that assigns a second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at a second location allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the second number, wherein the second number differs from the first number, wherein the second location differs from the first location.

9. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number

comprises a controller component that selects the second location to comprise a location that is noncontiguous with the first location.

10. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller component that assigns the first number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the first location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the first number comprises a controller component that selects the first number to correspond to a first user zone that comprises the first location; and

wherein the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises a controller component that selects the second number to correspond to a second user zone that comprises the second location, wherein the second user zone differs from the first user zone.

11. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises a controller component that selects a discounted billing rate for the call that employs the second number.

12. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises a controller component that selects the second number to allow only calls that employ the second number to be, contemporaneously with location of the mobile station in a

temporary user zone that comprises the second location, originated and/or terminated in the temporary user zone.

13. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises a controller component that directs to voice mail, upon location of the mobile station at the second location, a call that employs the first number.

14. (cancelled) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller component that assigns the second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at the second location allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the second number comprises a controller component that assigns a particular number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at any one of a plurality of locations allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the particular number, wherein the particular number differs from the first number, wherein each location of the plurality of locations differs from the first location.

15. (cancelled) An article, comprising:
a computer-readable signal-bearing medium;
means in the medium for assigning a first number to a mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at a first location allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the first number; and
means in the medium for assigning a second number to the mobile station that upon location of the mobile station at a second location allows connection to the mobile station of a

call that employs the second number, wherein the second number differs from the first number, wherein the second location differs from the first location.

16. (cancelled) A method, comprising the steps of:

assigning to a mobile station a number that upon location of the mobile station at any one or more of a temporary user zone and a base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the number; and

selecting the number to comprise fewer than seven digits.

17. (cancelled) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of assigning to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number comprises the step of selecting the temporary user zone to comprise a user zone that is noncontiguous with the base user zone.

18. (cancelled) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of assigning to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number and the step of selecting the number to comprise fewer than seven digits comprise the steps of:

selecting the number to comprise an abbreviated number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the abbreviated number; and

selecting the abbreviated number to comprise fewer than seven digits.

19. (cancelled) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of assigning to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number comprises the step of selecting the base user zone to comprise one or more of a business user zone and a home user zone.

20. (cancelled) A system, comprising:

a controller component that assigns to a mobile station a number that upon location of the mobile station at any one or more of a temporary user zone and a base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the number; and

a controller component that selects the number to comprise fewer than seven digits.

21. (cancelled) The system of claim 20, wherein the controller component that assigns to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number comprises a controller component that selects the temporary user zone to comprise a user zone that is noncontiguous with the base user zone.

22. (cancelled) The system of claim 20, wherein the controller component that assigns to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number and the controller component that selects the number to comprise fewer than seven digits:

a controller component that selects the number to comprise an abbreviated number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and

the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the abbreviated number; and

a controller component that selects the abbreviated number to comprise fewer than seven digits.

23. (cancelled) The system of claim 20, wherein the controller component that assigns to the mobile station the number that upon location of the mobile station at the any one or more of the temporary user zone and the base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of the call that employs the number comprises a controller component that selects the base user zone to comprise one or more of a business user zone and a home user zone.

24. (cancelled) An article, comprising:

a computer-readable signal-bearing medium;

means in the medium for assigning to a mobile station a number that upon location of the mobile station at any one or more of a temporary user zone and a base user zone allows connection to the mobile station of a call that employs the number; and

means in the medium for selecting the number to comprise fewer than seven digits.